

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] A micro-tube 1 is shown in FIG. 1 and terminates in a turned-up flange 2 held in the connection forming the subject matter of the invention. The turned-up flange 2 is in one piece with the micro-tube 1. The connection of the microtube 1 also comprises a sealing ring or joint 3, which can be toroidal in the free state and has opposing bulges 4 and 5 bearing on two faces, respectively 6 and 7, of a main structural part 8 and a collar 9. The main structure part 8 carries a channel 10 extended by the micro-tube 1. The turned-up flange 2 bears on the surface 6 of said ~~main structural part 3~~ main structural part 8, the joint 3 is placed on the turned-up flange 2 and the collar 9 is placed on the joint 3 in order to compress the latter and secure the turned-up flange 2 whilst maintaining it on the face 6. The main structural part 8 can be joined to the collar 9 by a thread 11 on their surfaces making it possible to join them directly by screwing and to move them together as desired by regulating the height of a recess 12 defined by the faces 6 and 7. The collar 9 and structure 8 can be pressed or moved together by any linking means other than direct securing obtained with the aid of the thread 11 referred to in exemplified manner here.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] As the joint 3 is pressed by the collar 9, as a consequence it presses the turned-up flange 2 against the opposite surface 6, thus opposing a detachment under the pressure of the fluid flowing through the micro-tube 1 and channel 10 of the main part 8 and

tending to separate them. Sealing is mainly produced at the ~~bulge 8~~ bulge 4 and experience has proved that it remains for fluid pressures reaching 10 bars. In the case of a high fluid pressure, it is advantageous to place the joint 3 in a recess 14, 15 made either on the face 7 of the collar 9, or on the face 6 of the structure 8, so that the areas round the corresponding bulge 4 or 5 of the joint 3 penetrate the same and the radial expansion of the joint 3 is in this way combatted. The recesses 14 and 15 are illustrated in FIGS. 1A and 1B. Unlike the recess 12, they provide support to the periphery of the joint 3. Normally the main structural part 8 is used for multiple connections and has numerous channels 10 connected to the same number of micro-tubes 1 and the recess 12 is wide enough to include the network of connected micro-tubes 1. A circle of screws is then used for joining the collar 9 to the main structural part 8. In other variants, the collar 9 could have an external thread and the main part 8 an internal thread, unlike what is shown here, or other known means for creating these two parts and for moving them together.

Please delete the title and insert the following new title:

#### Micro-tube Connection

Please add the following headings:

On page 1 at line 1 please add the heading - - TITLE OF THE INVENTION - - .

On page 1 at line 2 please delete the heading - - DESCRIPTION - - and in its place add the heading - - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - - .

On page 1 after line 26 please add the heading - - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION - - .